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Letter dated 20 June 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to inform you that the Coalition to the Restore Legitimacy in Yemen is launching a new initiative aimed at increasing humanitarian and relief assistance through Hudaydah port, to reach all areas liberated from the Iran-sponsored Houthi militias. This initiative will comprise the provision of food, medical supplies, housing, oil products and other basic needs to the inhabitants of Hudaydah Governorate, via sea bridges between Jazan and Abu Dhabi ports to Hudaydah. In order for this initiative to succeed, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates appeal to the international community, in particular the United Nations, international humanitarian organizations and their partners, to cooperate to speed up the delivery of relief assistance to Yemen through Hudaydah port and all other available crossings.

In this regard, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia condemns in the strongest terms the flagrant violations committed by the Houthi militias in Hudaydah port, including barring the delivery of international assistance and confiscating and looting the contents of vessels awaiting discharge outside the docks of the port. The Houthi militias have looted and destroyed 65 ships and trucks transmitting humanitarian aid and have planted anti-personnel mines in civilian areas to further constrict the delivery of humanitarian assistance, then sold the goods that they had looted on the black market at inflated prices owing to the artificial supply shortages that they purposefully created. Such criminal practices by Houthi militias, including the destruction of the remnants of service facilities in Hudaydah Governorate and in Yemen at large, have exacerbated the humanitarian crisis in the Governorate of Hudaydah, as confirmed by numerous reports indicating that the humanitarian crisis in Yemen is the most severe in areas under Houthi militia control.

The King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre and the Emirates Red Crescent will continue to cooperate to provide all possible support and facilities to alleviate the suffering of the Yemeni people. As part of these efforts, a hospital in Hudaydah is currently being rehabilitated with Saudi assistance worth SRI 1,914,554. In addition, the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre has partnered with the World Health Organization on a programme worth $17.6 million to provide Hudaydah Governorate with 8,090 food baskets monthly for three months, to be implemented imminently. Overall, the members of the Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen have spent $16 billion on humanitarian assistance to Yemen since 2015, in such fields as nutritional assistance, medical care, housing, social

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support, education, refugee support and economic support, including depositing funds into the Central Bank of Yemen.

My delegation requests the circulation of the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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